

## Bad Königshofen Aquatic Center Master Plan

Plans are complete for the new aquatic Center soon to Be located in S.J. Stovall Park. "This new facility in Southwest Arlington is sure to be a huge success," boasts Aquatics Program Manager Kym Lange. "We have designed a park that will attract users of all ages, particularly teenagers." Building something that did not repeat earlier efforts at Randol Mill, Howard Moore, and Helen Wessler was clearly a primary goal for park staff and consultants. "We know that age group is historically underserved in water parks" Lange said. "So we've included a diving well, lap lanes, a more thrilling slide, and water volleyball. Of course we still have features for younger children as well, but this park will be special."

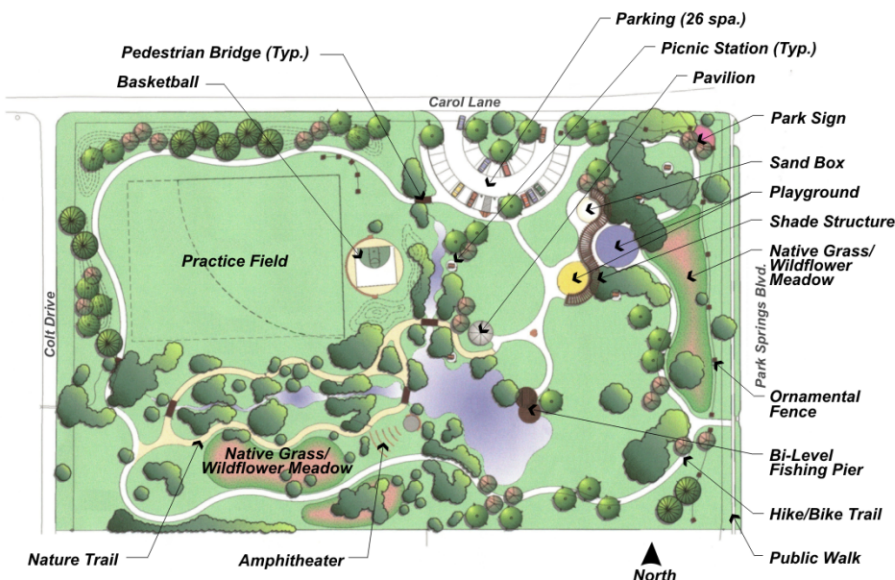
The facility is named after Arlington's sister city in Germany, and the architectural flavor of the park will reinforce that link. Natural stone and wooden materials will suggest a tie to Bavaria's agrarian atmosphere.

The project is expected to be complete in the summer of 2005.

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## Gene Schrickel Master Plan



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Construction is scheduled to begin on a new neighborhood park in southwest Arlington. This park is approximately 10 acres in size. It is located on the southeast corner of Park Springs Boulevard and Carol Lane. The first phase of development includes a parking lot, playground, pavilion, multi-purpose field, hike/bike trail, picnic facilities, nature interpretative area and a fishing dock.

The park is named after landscape architect and long time resident of Arlington, Gene Schrickel. He is the founding member of the consulting firm Schrickel, Rollins and Associates located in Arlington. His firm has overseen numerous park and landscape architectural projects throughout the city for approximately 50 years. The park is scheduled to open February of 2005.





## Project Updates

### **Meadowbrook Rec. Center -**

The recreation center received a well-deserved face lift earlier this spring. The entire building was closed for a week while construction crews removed worn carpeting in the lobby and entry area and replaced it with a vinyl tile. The bleachers and railing in the gym area received a new coat of paint.



### **Cliff Nelson Recreation Center -**

The replacement of the center's gym floor was completed in May.



**George Stevens Park -** A Federally funded block grant will make the renovation of the park become a reality. The park is in the heart of the Old Town Historic District in central Arlington. Park improvements will include the complete renovation of the existing playground for 5-12 year olds, the addition of a new playground for 2-5 year olds, new spectator bleachers, basketball court renovations, a new irrigation system, a new stone sign and native landscaping. All elements of the park will be brought up to Texas Accessibility standards with new benches and water fountains. The project is expected to be complete by December of 2004.

**Playgrounds -** Several Arlington playgrounds will receive much needed renovations this fall. A local landscape architect is currently under contract to develop new playground plans for College Hills

Park, Vandergriff Park, Clarence Thompson Park, Gibbins Park and Parkway Central Park. The improvements will include creative play components, subsurface drainage, new containment structures, new fall safe material and attractive and comfortable spectator areas. In addition to playground improvements in Gibbins Park, the soccer field will be reconditioned and a pedestrian trail will link an existing playground to the soccer field and new playground.

**FJ "Red" Kane Phase II -** An Arlington architectural firm is currently under contract to provide construction documents and construction observation/management services for Phase II renovations in this popular south Arlington park. Improvements include an addition of 30 parking spaces to the existing 35 space lot, a new restroom facility, lighting, benches and a creative landscape area which features porous paving, boulders and native plant materials. The project should begin construction in September of 2004.

**JW Dunlop Playground -** The City of Arlington and the Arlington Sunrise Rotary will combine efforts to plan and raise funds to match the city's contribution for a new community-built playground in J.W. Dunlop park. The playground will be designed by playground specialists Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, New York. The design of the playground will begin with Design Day which is scheduled for July 28, 2004. Children will be interviewed at Elzie Odom Recreation Center, followed by a Leathers' design workshop to draw upon the children's input. The final conceptual design will be unveiled in the evening at a community pizza party in River Legacy Park at 6:30 p.m. At this time, fundraising will officially begin and will continue until volunteers build the playground in the fall of 2005.



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## **WEBB COMMUNITY PARK OPENS TO PUBLIC**

On Saturday May, 22, the skies above Webb Community Park were ablaze with the colorful kites of neighborhood children. May 22 marked the opening of the long awaited park in southeast Arlington. "This is a significant achievement for us," reported Parks Marketing Manager Michelle Rice. "This part of Arlington has grown so quickly, we have not been able to keep up with the demand for recreational improvements."

Phase one development of the park includes a basketball court, practice athletic fields, a playground, shelter, walking trail, and picnicking. "Phase one is really only a fraction of what we will eventually put in this park," Rice reported. "It is over 140 acres in size and one day we hope to have a recreation center, water park, lighted athletic fields, and an extensive trail system linking the park to surrounding neighborhoods. We don't have the funds for that yet, but it is a long range goal."

The park is named after the 19<sup>th</sup> century farming community of Webb, located about two miles east of the park.

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